

Resolved: that the Federation express its recognition and thanks to the Genesee Ornithological Society and the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club for their outstanding work and hospitality that was responsible for the success of the 1968 annual meeting of the Federation.

Rochester, New York, April 27, 1968

It was announced by Dr. Peakall that the 1969 meeting will be at Cortland, with the Cortland County Bird Club as host.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Recording Secretary

## JOHN J. ELLIOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE — 1968

"The Elliott Memorial Prize shall be given each year at the annual banquet to that author of a paper published during the preceding year, in the *Kingbird*, deemed the most worthy by a panel of judges."

At the annual banquet April 27, Dr. Edgar M. Reilly presented the Elliott Prize to Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr. for his series of articles "Conservation News", with special mention of "Conservation and State Secrets" and "Natural Beauty" Is a 20th Century Phrase."

## THE PAPER SESSION

### Annual Meeting — April 27, 1968

The following papers were given at the Saturday afternoon paper session:

1. Remarks on the Ecology of Bird Fleas ..... Dr. Allen H. Benton
2. Wetland Valuation and Appraisal ..... Allan S. Klonick
2. Present Status of the New York State Bird Book ..... John Bull
4. Use of Birds in Poetry ..... Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr.
5. Maintenance Behavior of the Black-crowned Night Heron .....  
Dr. George R. Maxwell II
6. The Nassau County Museum of Natural History ..... Robert G. Wolk
7. Vocalizations and Life Histories of the Common Crow and the Northern Raven  
Dwight R. Chamberlain

## ANNUAL MEETING FIELD TRIPS REPORT — APRIL 27 AND 28

Field trips to various habitats were conducted: one early Saturday morning for delegates; several during the Council meeting for non-delegates; several Sunday morning all of which ended with box lunch at the Hawk Lookout, Braddock's Bay.

A total of 131 species were observed, including 12 which are rare to uncommon in the Rochester area. The two nesting Bald Eagles at Hemlock Lake were undoubtedly the outstanding birds of the weekend. Saturday being quite cold with northerly winds produced no small bird migration and no hawks. Although Sunday winds were westerly and rather cool, a hawk flight developed about 9 a.m. and lasted until 2 p.m. No exact count was kept, but approximately 1,000 hawks passed

Hawk Lookout during this time, including Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Broad-winged, Rough-legged and Marsh Hawks, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon and Sparrow Hawk.

Some of the other more interesting species seen were: Common Loon; 2 Red-throated Loon; 1 Common Egret; 2 Whistling Swan; 20 species of ducks; 1 Western Sandpiper in spring plumage with a Semipalmated Sandpiper and Dunlin for comparison; Caspian Tern; Great Horned Owl; 7 species of woodpeckers; Red-breasted Nuthatch; 1 Carolina Wren; Loggerhead Shrike; only Yellow, Myrtle, Pine and Palm Warblers and Yellowthroat; 2 Western Meadowlarks; 16 species of Fringillid including Evening Grosbeaks and 2 Red Crossbills.

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